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My Lord,

YOu are too *Wise*, and *Noble*, to need either a *Direction*, or a *Spur*, where your *Judgement*, or *Honour* lies at Stake: And to tell you, that *to make your self the Happiest Person in Nature, you must Deliver us from being the most Miserable People*, is but to speak your own *Thoughts*, and *Purposes*. Yet, such is the Passion I have for your *Personal*, and for the *publique Good*, that a Burthen lies upon my Soul, till I have given some Testimonie of my Respects, and Tenderness both for the *One*, and the *Other*, how-superfluous-soever, toward a *Judgement*, and *Inclination*, so well Qualified for the *Knowledge*, and *Practice*, of what is *Honorable*.

My Lord, We are a wretched People, and Providence hath put it in your power, to finish all our Troubles. The Eyes of *Men*, and *Angels* are upon You, and the whole Nation courts You as their Tutelarie Spirit. Never was any Action so easie, and so Glorious at once, as our Deliverance. 'Tis wrought without the hazzard, or expence either of *Blood*, *Time*, or *Treasure*. The *Hearts*, the *Hands*, and *Fortunes* of the People, are all at Your Devotion. Nay, lest You should submit to be misled by Popular Applause, *Ambition*, or anie other *Frailty*; Heaven hath annexed Your *Interest* to Your *Duty*, (forgive the Language) You must be *Mad* too, to be *Wicked*, & Quit all other Principles of Beneficial Prudence, with those of commune Honestie, and Conscience. Ballance (my Lord) the main Accompt. Heaven and Hell, are the Difference. *One way*, You are sure to be as *Great*, and *Safe*, as *Love*, and *Gratitude* can make You; whereas all other Acquisitions are deceitfull. A word now of the means to effect our Quiet; and that with all due respect to better Reason.

First, In the Case of differing Perswasions, be pleased to form such an Expedient, that all may quietly enjoy, and exercise their opinions, so far as they Consist with the Word of God, and with the publick Peace.

Secondly, Appoint an Act of Oblivion to be drawn (if you please) *as Comprehensive of all Interests, as care, and skill can make it; and after this, let a Free Parliament be called* (*with this previous Engagement imposed upon them*) *That they shall first secure these two Particulars, of Conscience, and Property, according to the true Intention of the Parties therein Concerned, ere they proceed further; and that they may then apply themselves to other Debates at Liberty, and settle what Government they shall think fit.* This I presume not to deliver as the *Arrogant* Imposition of a *single Person*; but I do offer it humblie, as the *sence* of a *Numerous*, and *Sober party*. Some Mutinous, and Peevish Spirits there are, whom nothing can please, but what displeases all the World beside. It were pittie, to alter the whole Frame of the *Law*, to gratifie the humour of so Inconsiderable a part of the People. *Changes are Slow and Dangerous; God* and *Truth*, are *Invariable*; We were *well*, till We *shifted*, and never *since*; having tried all other Postures in vain; were it not better to attempt That *once again*, than thus expose our selves to be Restless for ever?

My Lord, the Author of this is verie much

Your EXCELLENCIE'S *Servant*.

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